

**§ 214b. Designation of Capitol grounds as play area for children of Members and employees of Senate or House of Representatives**

**(a) Authority of Capitol Police Board**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (b) of this section, the Capitol Police Board is authorized to designate certain portions of the Capitol grounds (other than a portion within the area bounded on the North by Constitution Avenue, on the South by Independence Avenue, on the East by First Street, and on the West by First Street) for use exclusively as play areas for the benefit of children attending a day care center which is established for the primary purpose of providing child care for the children of Members and employees of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

**(b) Required approval; fences; termination of authority**

(1) In the case of any such designation referred to in subsection (a) of this section involving a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the designation shall be with the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the designation shall be with the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

(2) The Architect of the Capitol shall enclose with a fence any area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area.

(3) The authority to use an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as a play area may be terminated at any time by the Committee which approved such designation.

**(c) Playground equipment; required approval**

Nothing in this or any other Act shall be construed as prohibiting any day care center referred to in subsection (a) of this section from placing playground equipment within an area designated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for use solely in connection with the operation of such center, subject to, in the case of a day care center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the Senate, the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and in the case of such a center established for the benefit of children of Members and employees of the House of Representatives, the approval of the House Committee on House Oversight, with the concurrence of the House Office Building Commission.

**(d) Day care center**

The day care center referred to in S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, is a day care center for which space may be designated under subsection (a) of this section for use as a play area.

(Pub. L. 98-392, § 3, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, § 221(14), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1750.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 98-392, Aug. 21, 1984, 98 Stat. 1362, which enacted this section

and amended section 2107 of Title 20, Education. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

S. Res. 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, first session, referred to in subsec. (d), is dated Nov. 14, 1983, and reads as follows: “*Resolved*, That payment is authorized from the contingent fund of the Senate in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the start-up costs, including the procurement of the services of individual consultants or organizations, for a Senate day care center, which shall be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1984.

“SEC. 2. Payments under this resolution shall be paid from the appropriation account for ‘Miscellaneous Items’ in the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

“SEC. 3. The Committee on Rules and Administration shall supervise any contract entered into on behalf of the Senate, under authority of this resolution. Such contract shall not be subject to the provisions of section 5 of title 41 of the United States Code or any other provision of law requiring advertising.”

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsecs. (b)(1), (c). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted “House Oversight” for “House Administration”.

CROSS REFERENCES

House of Representatives Child Care Center, see section 184g of this title.

Senate Employee Child Care Center, see section 214c of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 214c, 214d of this title.

**§ 214c. Senate Employee Child Care Center**

**(a) Applicability of provisions**

The provisions of this section shall apply to any individual who is employed by the Senate day care center (known as the “Senate Employee Child Care Center” and hereafter in this section referred to as the “Center”) established pursuant to Senate Resolution 269, Ninety-eighth Congress, and section 214b of this title.

**(b) Employee election of health care insurance coverage**

Any individual described under subsection (a) of this section who is employed by the Center on or after August 14, 1991, shall be deemed an employee under section 8901(1) of title 5 for purposes of health insurance coverage under chapter 89 of such title. An individual described under subsection (a) of this section who is an employee of the Center on August 14, 1991, may elect coverage under this subsection during the 31-day period beginning on August 14, 1991, and during such periods as determined by the Office of Personnel Management for employees of the Center employed after August 14, 1991.

**(c) Deductions and withholding from employee pay**

The Center shall make such deductions and withholdings from the pay of an individual described under subsection (a) of this section who is an employee of the Center in accordance with subsection (d) of this section.

**(d) Employee records; amount of deductions**

The Center shall—

(1) maintain records on all employees covered under this section in such manner as the